

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 9, 13 and 16 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Species A. configuration (1); and

Species B. configuration (2).

Applicants elect with traverse Species A (configuration 1). Claims 1-3, 9, 13 and 16 are readable upon the elected species.

The Examiner asserts that the species listed above do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because,

"under PCT Rule 13.2, the species lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: The special technical feature of perpendicular relative positions is clearly different than the special technical feature of parallel relative positions."

Applicants respectfully disagree.

First, the Examiner has provided no evidence (such as a prior art reference) to support the assertion that there is no special technical feature which amounts to a contribution over the art.

Second, Applicants respectfully submit that the features defined before and after the definitions of configurations (1) and (2) in claim 1 are the special technical features common in the claimed invention.

As such, rejoinder of Species A with Species B is respectfully requested.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Garth M. Dahlen Reg. No. 43,575 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.147; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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